

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
10/550,457INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP2004/004203INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
March 25, 2004PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
March 26, 2003TITLE OF INVENTION
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING HONEYCOMB STRUCTUREAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
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PTO RECEIPT FOR FILING OF PAPERS**The following papers have been filed:**

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Name of Applicant:	Yumi MUROI; Yoshinori YAMAMOTO; Yukihiisa WADA; Shuuichi ICHIKAWA
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Title:	Method of Manufacturing Honeycomb Structure
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Assignee:	NGK INSULATORS, LTD.
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Docket No.: 125404

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED
OFFICE (DO/EO/US) DECLARATION ALREADY FILED

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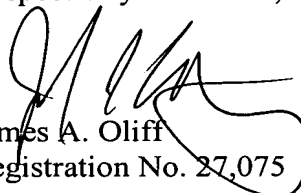
Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on May 22, 2006, the executed Declaration of the inventors was filed on May 19, 2006. A copy of the executed Declaration as filed, a copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, and a copy of the stamped postcard receipt are attached hereto. The surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)) was also paid on May 19, 2006 with our Check No. 182236 for \$130.

Entry of these documents on May 19, 2006 should have completed all of the filing formalities. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Joel S. Armstrong
Registration No. 36,430

JAO:JSA/emt
Date: July 20, 2006

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
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DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461
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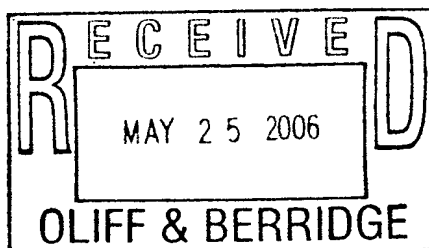


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MISSING PARTS

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/26/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/26/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/26/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/26/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/26/2005
- Substitute Specification filed on 09/26/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/26/2005
- Non-English Language Application filed on 09/26/2005
- Specification filed on 09/26/2005
- Claims filed on 09/26/2005
- Abstracts filed on 09/26/2005
- Drawings filed on 09/26/2005

DUE DATE

JUL 22 2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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By OPW on 5-25 2006
By Aja and 5/25 2006
Oliff & Berridge

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

PAULETTE R KIDWELL

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